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4. (Twice Amended) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein said magnetic layer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of Co and Co alloys.

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5. (Once Amended) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein M3 = Co, Cr, Fe, Ni, Mn or alloys thereof.

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8. (Twice Amended) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 5, wherein said ferromagnetic layer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of Co, Ni, Fe, Ni alloys, Fe alloys, and Co alloys.

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9. (Twice Amended) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 5, wherein said magnetic layer is made of a material selected from a group consisting of Co and Co alloys.

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11. (Once Amended) The magnetic storage apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein M3 = Co, Cr, Fe, Ni, Mn or alloys thereof.

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12. (New Claim) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 3, wherein said ferromagnetic layer is made of a Co alloy selected from a group consisting of CoCrTa, CoCrPt and CoCrPt-M2, where M2 = B, Mo, Nb, Ta, W, Cu or alloys thereof.

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13. (New Claim) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 4, wherein said magnetic layer is made of a Co alloy selected from a group consisting of CoCrTa, CoCrPt and CoCrPt-M4, where M4 = B, Mo, Nb, Ta, W, Cu or alloys thereof.

14. (New Claim) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 8, wherein said ferromagnetic layer is made of a Co alloy selected from a group consisting of CoCrTa, CoCrPt and CoCrPt-M2, where M2 = B, Mo, Nb, Ta, W, Cu or alloys thereof.

15. (New Claim) The magnetic recording medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein said magnetic layer is made of a Co alloy selected from a group consisting of CoCrTa, CoCrPt and CoCrPt-M4, where M4 = B, Mo, Nb, Ta, W, Cu or alloys thereof.

#### REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Claims 3, 4, 8, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended Claims 3, 4, 8 and 9 to remove the more specific references to particular materials. In addition, Applicants have also added new dependent